



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Norio MAEDA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3749

Serial No. 09/936,618 : Examiner: Kathryn S. O'Malley

Filed: March 5, 2002

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING

SUBSTRATE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the December 16, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are in the substitute specification filed with this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-24 and 26-28 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 20, 21, 23 and 28 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

06/17/2005 HALI11 00000071 09936618

01 FC:1201 400.00 BP